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Title: Object-Based Storage Device with Improved Reliability and Fast Crash Recovery

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 10, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.